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Mr. Douglas B. MacDonald
Secretary of Transportation
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Olympia, Washington

**Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall
Replacement Project**

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

As we move closer to the selection of a preferred alternative on the Alaskan Way Viaduct project, I would like to reiterate what my staff and I have stated verbally on several occasions.

As the lead Federal agency, FHWA will not support selection or funding of an alternative that does not maintain or improve on the current capacity in this corridor. This position supports the intent of the EIS and meets the project's purpose and need as agreed upon by the City of Seattle, WSDOT, and FHWA. We look forward to continued cooperation in the project development process of this critical highway project.

Sincerely,

DANIEL M. MATHIS, P.E.
Division Administrator